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TOPIC Polish Engineer Unit in BriefEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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engineer training area on the western bank of the Oder River, southeast of  
Brieg (P 51/H 89). About 250 Polish soldiers were seen practicing with  
pontoon and doing bridge construction work. A total of 10 to 12 large  
pontoon, 8 to 10 small pontoon and 5 motorboats painted brown-green were  
observed. Near an open shed there were 4 to 8 boats lying bottoms up. They  
resembled the former German assault boats.
2. The training area was immediately southeast of a sugar refinery, between the  
river and the road to Schonau (P 51/H 89). A concrete wall 2.20 meters high  
separated the area from the road and a 2 meter wire mesh fence bordered it on  
the northwest and southeast. A small harbor, 60 x 25 meters, was also available.  
Installations observed on the site in 1951 included a small three-story  
dwelling house, a small guardhouse, two wooden sheds for vehicles and pontoon,  
each of them 40 meters long, a workshop, a brick building used for the storage  
of gasoline, an open shed with concrete floor, and a concrete slipway, 60 x  
25 meters.
3. In 1948, the engineer training area was turned over to the Poles by the  
Soviets. By 1951, the Polish engineer unit stationed there was equipped with  
uniform military bridge building equipment. Large three-section pontoon about  
12 meters long and light metal pontoon about 8 meters long were seen.
4. The barracks installation of the engineer unit was southwest of the training  
area, on the west side of the road to Paulau (P 51/H 89), immediately southeast  
of the spur track to the sugar refinery. The installation covered an area  
measuring about 350 x 180 meters and consisted of 1 four-story grey head-  
quarters building with a red roof, another similar building used for administrative  
purposes, 1 two-story guardhouse, 1 small workshop, 2 permanent garages, a fuel  
dump, 1 wooden drill hall, and 2 large five-story quartering buildings with red  
roofs. A target range with an attached guardhouse and a two-story ordnance shop  
bordered on the barracks installation to the southeast. Prior to the fall of  
1951,                      Polish troop units marching from  
the barracks installation to the engineer training area.

- 25X1 1.            Comment. The report confirms the presence in Brieg of a Polish engineer  
regiment, probably the 1st Eng Regt. The barracks  
installation described in the present report is the Seydlitz or Mudra Kaserne.

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